

## SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION MEETING February 6, 2007 – Room 1H7

### ATTENDANCE

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| Richard Anglin   | Melinda Barr – Absent | Trish Bilcik                 |
| Jeff Carlisle    | Chuck Carselowey      | Bruce Cook                   |
| John Ehrhardt    | Dana Glencross        | Ron Gray                     |
| Stephanie Hayes  | Randy Hopkins         | John Hughes                  |
| Thomas Jones     | Peggy Jordan          | Yuthika Kim                  |
| Jerry Ludlow     | Ray McCullar          | Nancy Pietroforte – On Leave |
| Cecilia Pittman  | Markus Smith          | Wanda Roepke                 |
| Marcelene Rogers | Susan Tabor           | Dana Tuley Williams          |
| Rick Vollmer     | Cecelia Yoder         |                              |

Dr. Yoder began the meeting with happy February birthday to Rick Vollmer and Mary Barr. Birthday cake will be served in the division office next week. She also expressed thanks to Bruce Cook, Cecilia Pittman, Jerry Ludlow and John Hughes for their assistance with Opening Day activities.

The next congratulations went to Thomas Jones, recipient of this year's NISOD award. Thomas has developed many of the psychology online courses making it possible for Psychology to be considered for the Online Degree Program. The Higher Ed Committee will be meeting with online faculty before the program is finalized.

Discussion was held regarding online degrees. Some faculty members believe it should be designated on their transcripts that the degree was online while others believe this is the wave of the future and it shouldn't matter if the degree is obtained on campus or online. Some comments:

- When online you cannot determine who is doing the work and if cheating is occurring,
- Remote testing relinquishes control,
- Trend is for online,
- Interacting with others is important,
- Some internet classes are interactive,
- Accredited college makes a difference,
- Faculty has certain responsibilities on campus or online,
- Online classes should be completely online

Discussion was held regarding new grade sheets. Dr. Yoder handed out fine point pens for use in the small boxes. The mainframe is gone and this is technology's answer to the change. Faculty members were disappointed that there was no faculty input to this form. It was suggested that a faculty committee look at this and offer ideas for improvement. One faculty member stated his disappointment that Academic Affairs would approve this form.

Dr. Yoder had handouts regarding the new College & Life Seminar and Life Skills classes that will be required for most students with some exceptions. The CLS class will be 1 credit hour. The general consensus of the faculty was that most of the life skills could be found within classes already being offered. Dr. Yoder mentioned the Leisure classes that are being offered and are all one credit hour. It was questioned as to who would teach the CLS class and Dr. Yoder assumed it would be a variety of faculty members as there will be many sections offered.

Learning Communities are being formed. There are no final decisions but at present it will probably be MWF group and T/TH group and it will be PSY 1113 and HIST 1493.

- Performance evaluations have begun. Please sign up.
- Fulbright Scholar from Turkey will be here 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and will present in classes of John Hughes, Rick Vollmer, Jerry Ludlow and Chuck Carselowey. Please attend the Tuesday reception and if possible join him and Dr. Yoder for dinner Monday or Tuesday evening. Encourage your classes to attend the public lecture.
- Award winning author, Rilla Askew, will be here for a public lecture on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Ray McCullar encourages everyone who can to attend. She will speak on her prize winning book, Fire in Beulah, a novel about the Tulsa race riots. This will be a focus for Black History week.
- Trish announced the Mastery Advisory Workshop canceled due to inclement weather during orientation week has been rescheduled for February 16<sup>th</sup> and has been shortened and will include lunch. A webinar flyer is in your mailboxes regarding faculty advising. Trish will use her position as Director of the Center for Learning and Teaching to recognize outstanding faculty advisors in some way.
- Chuck says the IAPC will tackle Procedure 4003 - Copywrite issues. If you have any input then email him.
- Cecilia P. stated she is on the benefits committee and PAC committee and she also would like input from faculty to take to these committees.

Meeting adjourned.

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